## **BEFORE**

## THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF

## SOUTH CAROLINA

DOCKET NO. 98-653-S - ORDER NO. 2000-0262

MARCH 16, 2000

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IN RE:	Application of Palmetto Utilities, Inc. for	) ORDER	GRANTING V
	Approval of an Increase in its Rates and	) NIGHT	HEARING
	Charges for its Sewer Services.	)	

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) on the request of the Hillridge Homeowners' Association (the Association) for a night hearing so that the citizens of Richland and Kershaw Counties who are customers of Palmetto Utilities, Inc. (the Company) may be heard on the Company's request for a rate increase. The Association notes that an evening hearing would allow more people to state their points of view than simply allowing an opportunity for customers to speak at the morning evidentiary hearing.

We agree with the Association, and hereby hold that a night hearing on the Palmetto Utilities, Inc. rate increase request shall be held at such time and place as may be designated by the Commission Staff in a separate document.

This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Chairman

ATTEST:

Executive Director

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